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"Camelot" was well attended during its three days of performances, March 3, 4 & 5.



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ESL success questioned after contract delay

By Rich Swingle and Jennifer Cooke

Signing a contract for the 88-89 school year came uncomfortably late for Bruce Carrick, director of the English as a Second Language (ESL) program.

But after spending one anxious week with his job in jeopardy, the decision was made by college administrators to renew his contract for another year. The future of ESL, however, remains to be seen.

"There was a brief period of distress," said Carrick, who began working at GFC at the beginning of the school year as the director and sole teacher for the 22 foreign students who came to the campus expecting an established program.

Many of the students have been disappointed with the program. "I thought there would be more teachers and more students. There were only two classes and one (full-time) teacher," said Koyo Takitani, from Japan.

Lack of planning on the part of the college appears to have created the problems that the wavering program now faces. "They had expectations, and suddenly they had students," stated Carrick. "The initial vision of the program and the arrival of students happened very close to each other."

Foreign students were recruited over the summer

by Paul Berry. The picture the foreign students visualized and the reality of the program didn't match up for some. "The facilities aren't good enough," said Takitani.

Carrick has been assisted by a part-time teacher, as well as student tutors. Keiko Inukai of Japan said, "The tutors really try to help us, but they don't know how to explain about grammar."

Carrick cites the major flaw in the program as being a shortage of teachers too. "It doesn't matter how many students there are, there are many different levels of ability."

Students feel that Carrick's teaching time does not have the quality that it could. Takitani said, "He pays less attention to the basic class than the intermediate."

When Carrick accepted his position, he said he knew the program was inadequate.

"I knew what it took," said Carrick. "I anticipated after the first experience with ESL, the school would want to keep it. I've wanted to teach college for 15 years, and I'm willing to be a pioneer."

"We had much greater hopes than have been realized," Carrick said. "We also have much greater potential than has been realized."

The delay in contract has put a cloud in Carrick's sunny sky but he remains optimistic. "With adequate staffing and facilities we can make the experience worth

every dollar. It may be unfortunate that the first students may have to pay higher costs than what they receive."

An important aspect in the success of the program relies on the willingness of the present students to integrate the foreign students to social as well as academic life. "Everyone is going to have to pull together to make this a positive experience or we may have to face this crisis again," he said, adding that it is an area that will not improve on its own.

Carrick says, however, that he is not prepared in terms of time and resources to take on the responsibility of integrating the foreign students into normal student life. "It's going to rely on the student body to take the initiative - that is the mark of a caring, mature individual."

If Carrick had the resources, the first thing he would do would be to hire more staff. As it now stands, the way to doing that is by getting more foreign students in the program. "It will be up to other branches of the college to bring students in and develop strategies to make their experience good," he said.

For next year, Carrick's position is secure. But the longterm outlook is uncertain.

"The administration will do what is best for the school. If the program fits that, then the program is viable," stated Carrick.

Diefenbaugh recovering after surgery

By Josh Nauman

Kristen Diefenbaugh, our ASCGFC president, admitted herself to the Newberg hospital on Feb. 25 to have gallstones removed. It was thought at first that a second surgery would be needed due to possible complications.

Fortunately, the complications resolved themselves and the second surgery was not necessary.

Kristen had been ill for about two months with what her doctor had thought was an ulcer. She has been doing well since the surgery and went

home to North Bend the first weekend of March to rest. Although rest seems to be a vital part of Kristen's recovery, for her it has proved to be a hard pill to swallow. After being in bed for a week, her biggest complaint was, "I'm so bored."

Due to the surgery Kristen will be unable to participate in the trip to the Philippines over Spring Break, but she should be back in school by the end of March. In her absence, vice president Steve Benson has been covering her responsibilities as student body president.

Voth awarded grant

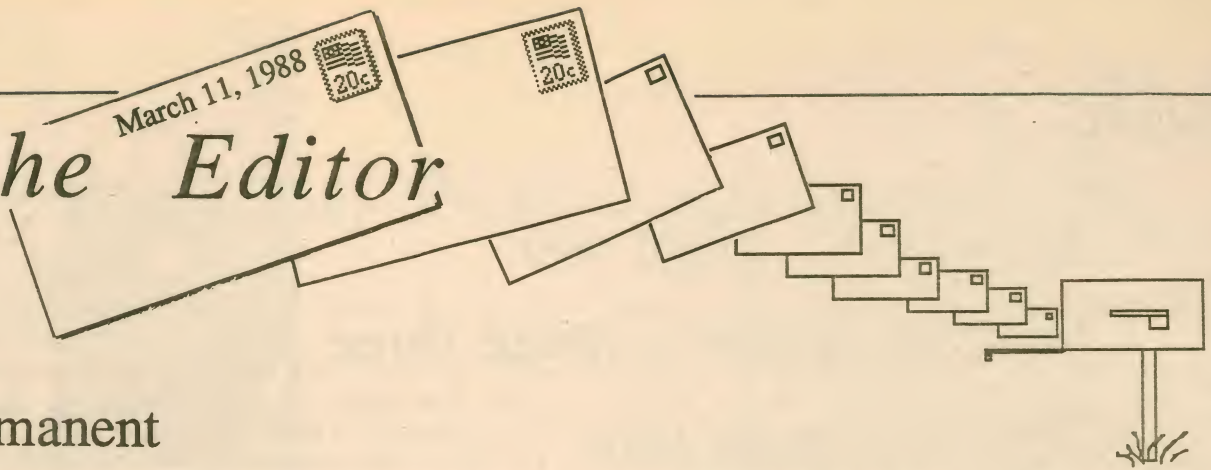
George Fox College biology professor Elver Voth was awarded an \$11,060 grant from the Medical Research Foundation of Oregon for a 12-month research project he began March 1.

Voth and several students will conduct studies to determine whether or not the diffusion of blood from the nutria to its unborn is similar to the diffusion of blood in humans. If it is, the nutria a beaver-like

rodent, may be used in research that helps scientists discover causes of birth defects.

Voth, who has a doctoral degree from Oregon State University, joined the GFC faculty in 1964. In 1987, he was the recipient of the school's highest teaching award, a \$2,000 unrestricted grant from the Burlington Northern Foundation for achievement in teaching.

Letters to the Editor



Canyon "rubble" not permanent

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to a letter in the Feb. 26 issue of the Crescent. It expressed a student's concern about the use of the canyon as a repository for the remains of the library. I hope a majority of students at GFC share this concern. Over the the last few years I have directed crews of students and others for the purpose

of renovating the canyon into a usable area. There are no budgeted funds for this project and, generally, workers are unpaid.

There is a "Master Plan" for the canyon that includes falling water, jogging trails, study areas and an amphitheater. Believe it or not, the "rubble" now being seen is the raw material for this master plan. It is only temporary and is meant to

be neatly stacked along the banks of Hess Creek to provide erosion control, tiers for planting, and ledges to allow students to sit (for study, of course!).

I am sorry for the inconvenience it has caused and that it may be an "eyesore" at the moment, but like the library project itself, there will be some "ugliness" before the completed project emerges. Now

that the creek level has lowered to tolerable work levels, I would love to have the "people power" to have all the material stacked in place by graduation at the end of April.

If you have any great ideas on accomplishing this quickly, or would just like to talk come by and visit me in the Physical Plant.

P.S. I do need to thank

Stephanie Celley, Barry Lundy, Gina Bridges, Becky Holman and Paul Brown for volunteer work they did fall term. It was much appreciated.

Thanks for your concern.

Sincerely,
Clyde Thomas

May term enrollment down

By Darin Sturdevant

It was the 1986-87 school year when George Fox College was introduced to the concept of May term. With a change from terms to semester, the one month May term was implemented and in its first year received good support.

As Spring semester marches toward May, the registrar's office is faced with a lack of interest as enrollment is far below last year's May term.

Because enrollment is down, nine of the 21 classes offered have been dropped from the original May term proposal.

"We're not sure exactly why the enrollment is far below last year's," said Academic Dean Lee Nash. "Last year's May term classes were well received, possibly because most were General Ed. classes. We found these were classes that students needed and could pick up to meet graduation requirements."

Nash went on to explain that the initial reasoning for May term was to facilitate the Juniors Abroad program, which he notes is up 4 or 5 times over last year's enrollment.

May term was the focus of the Dean's Council February 23 meeting.

Hector Munn brought the issue to the attention of the Council who contemplated a variety of administrative changes that might promote a successful May term program.

Dean Nash said of these administrative changes that they are indeed major hurdles, ones which he does not see as feasible.

The first administrative change presented was requiring student enrollment in a May term course during a portion of

their academic career at GFC.

Nash stated, "To my knowledge, Linfield requires students to attend their January term (equivalent to GFC's May term). However, I don't think that would be very popular with the students."

Another idea that circulated among the Dean's Council was the possibility of allowing students to enroll in May term despite the \$500. balance ruling. This rule excludes students with a credit balance of \$500. or more from enrolling in classes. The proposal would allow students the opportunity to attend May term classes, despite their balance. This proposal was rejected by the Council.

A proposal which may in time become a reality is the integration of May term into the Spring term package. If this issue was adopted, students taking 14 credit hours Spring term could attend May term and pay for the classes as a part of their 17.5 credit hour block for the spring. Essentially there would be no charge for the May term class.

"Currently, this is how Juniors Abroad is situated as far as being able to pay for May term credit as part of the Spring term 17.5 hour block," Dean Nash said. It is possible that the remaining May term classes could hold this status, however there would be a large shift in various professors course load in accomodating this."

May term classes which are available and students have shown interest in are Survey of Music, Intro to Rhetorical Communication, Systematic Botany, Computers in the Modern

World, and Foundations of Chemistry. The Religion and Social Science departments offers outdoor leadership (which is taught off-campus), Contemporary Religious Life, and Social Psychology. Division VII, Health and Physical Education offers a broad array of classes including Waterskiing, Golf, Outdoor Leadership, and Substance use and Abuse.

Dean Nash commented that he hopes May term will grow in enthusiasm and enrollment. "I would hate to see the program become dead letter," he said. "I think May term is a good opportunity for special interest."

Nash went on to say that though this year's enrrollment looks negative, Juniors Abroad's increase will help in May term's success.

The Dean commented that President Stevens strongly supports the May term program and offers encouragement from the sidelines.

May term registration forms and information are available in the registrar's office.

Fellowship appreciated by Hieberts

To the Editor:

We would like to publicly thank present and former GFC students for the contribution they have made and are continuing to make to our lives. We have really enjoyed having many of you in our home, out for pizza, etc.

Our own children are thousands of miles away so we are very happy for the love and fellowship we receive from you. We would like to get to know many more of you and hope that you will

remember that there are other people in the community that would enjoy your company but don't know how to make contact.

Please be assured that we receive great blessing too as we worship our Lord with you at Celebration and Friday meeting. May he reward you with joy and blessing as you seek to learn and be obedient to his commands.

Roy and Verla Hiebert



Spring Break!!!

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Grading system still in debate

By Polly Rose Meyer

The plus/minus grading system is undergoing debate by the faculty today.

This morning the Dean's Council presented the findings of the questionnaire filled out by students in Chapel, Feb. 24, at the faculty meeting. Presently it is unclear whether any final decisions will be made.

The results of the questionnaires generally indicates a desire for change with the present system.

The Chapel on Feb. 24 was an open forum structure allowing students and faculty to voice their opinions. Dr. Richard Engnell, an advocate of the plus/minus grading scale, felt that the chapel was "constructive." He says, however, that he would rather deal with a strong student affairs committee so that in the

future "when the faculty needs (the students') opinions it would be nice to have a good representative body rather than all the students have an intermediate step."

Out of the six choices available in the questionnaire, the four the students indicated most desirable will be the choices the faculty will consider. The choices are: 1) retain the plus/minus system on the transcript but not compute it into the GPA; 2) eliminate the A-grade, 3) eliminate the plus/minus system entirely, and 4) keep the plus/minus system as is.

When asked whether we could expect a change with the system, both Engnell and Registrar Hector Munn indicated that a change or modification may happen.

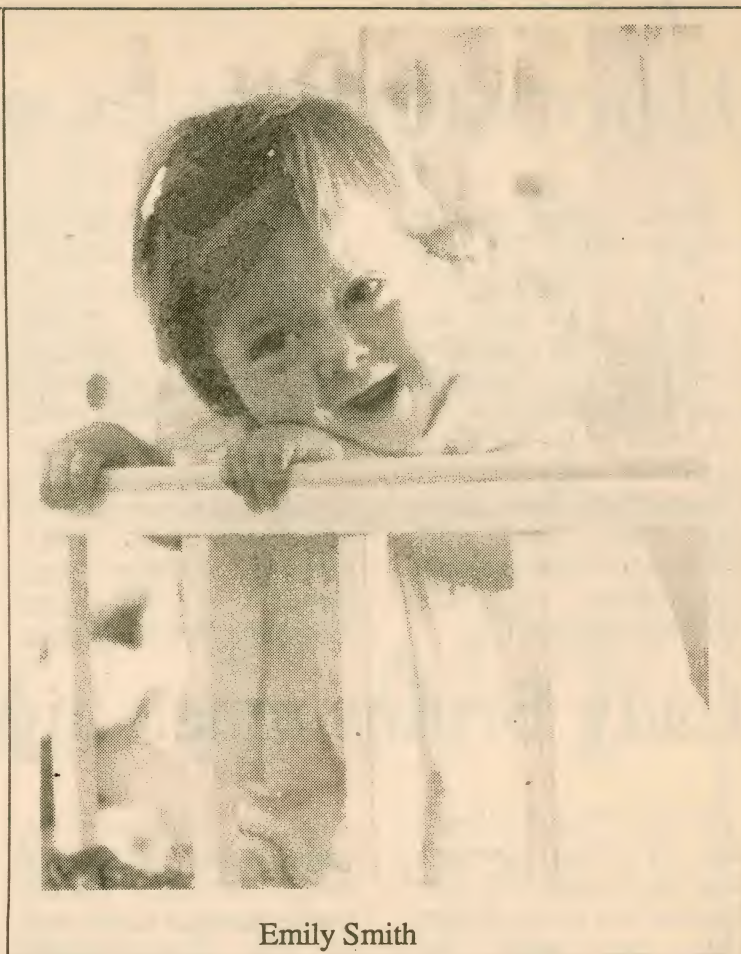
The plus/minus system has been a concern with the students since the beginning of the school year. At a Sept. 28, 1987

faculty meeting, Academic Dean Lee Nash summarized some of the concerns of students about the A- grade. As quoted in *The Bridge*, Sept. 28, Nash expressed concern that the "GPA's and welfare of our best student will be affected by the A-grade."

A student petition and voiced concern over the system at the beginning of the Spring semester reinforced the need for the issue to be dealt with.

Munn indicated that some of the students are concerned if the faculty are taking their grievances seriously. Munn confirmed that the the faculty is "considering the issue seriously even though we may stay with the present system." He, like Engnell and Nash, believed that a lot of the

hurt felt by the students was because of the lack of communication between students and faculty when the decision was made.



Emily Smith

\$632. raised for Emily

GFC students raised \$632. for Emily Smith, the daughter of telecommunication professor Rawlen Smith.

Through the sales of \$1. paper links and video games students helped raise money to help cover transportation costs for Emily and her family to UCLA Medical Center. Two-year-old Emily is suffering from a rare liver disease and will need to undergo an expensive transplant as soon as a liver becomes available.

1,050 quarters were spent on video games by students and faculty to further the cause.

369 paper links were bought and signed by students forming a chain of concern for Emily. During the March 2 chapel, the ASCGFC, led by Steve Benson, presented the money, card and chain to Emily and her father.

Contributions for Emily Smith can be made at the Newberg U.S. Bank.



Summer Opportunity



George Fox College is a member of the Consortium that operates the Malheur Field Station on the Malheur Wildlife Refuge south of Burns, Oregon. The Field Station runs a summer school program in which most of the classes last three weeks on subjects ranging from Archaeology or Botany through Ornithology to Zoology for 4 semester hours credit (or from 1-4 hours). Pick up a Field Station summer schedule from the Calder Center office. Work programs pay 1/2 tuition cost available to students who stay 3 extra weeks before or after the class.

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Elderhostel set for March 13-18

Senior citizens from throughout the United States will study peace at an Elderhostel retreat at GFC's Tilikum Retreat Center March 13-18.

Seniors will study "Peacemaking in the Real World," "Peacemaking Begins at Home" and "Heroes of Peacemaking" under the direction of Lon Fendall, director of the Center for Peace Learning.

Fendall and other GFC professors will lead a variety of discussions. In the world view, Fendall will examine conflict in Northern Ireland and the Philippines, and social science professor Ralph Beebe will examine crisis in the Middle East. Professors also will discuss "The Fears and Hopes of Nuclear Weapons."

In the home view, Ron Mock, assistant director of the peace center, will discuss "Making Peace at Home" and "Making Peace in the Community."

Continuing studies professor Dennis Mills will discuss "Teaching Kids about Peace."

In the look at peace heroes, the professors will discuss Martin Luther King, Ghandi and early Quakers.

George Fox has hosted Elderhostel programs at the Tilikum Center since 1982. It is one of more

than 1,000 educational institutions around the world that offers special non-credit courses of study to senior citizens.

The camp, located in the Chehalem Valley near the GFC campus, includes 92 acres of woods, a 15-acre boating lake, trails and farm animals. Home-style meals served at "Illahee" guest house.

Applications for the retreat are still being accepted. To register, contact ELDERHOSTEL; Attn. Hostelships; 80 Boylston Street, Suite 400; Boston, Mass., 02116. For more information, call 538-2763.

Hoopsters' eyes set on National tourney

With a national playoff berth in Kansas City now not possible, the GFC Bruins have an opportunity for a national championship tourney even further away.

A berth in the NCCAA national playoffs in Chattanooga, Tenn., is the goal when the Bruins enter a four-team regional tournament starting Thursday (March 10).

GFC hosted Concordia College in the District 8 NCCAA tournament. In the other half of the opening round Western Baptist will host Columbia Christian. Scores were not available at press time.

The Bruins, 16-15 after being stymied in the semifinals of the NAIA playoffs, will meet a team that is 4-27. In the other matchup, Western Baptist,

16-15, meets a 13-16 team.

The winners of the opening games will meet at 7:30 p.m. Saturday for the district title. GFC is the highest seeded team and will host if it wins its opening contest. The Bruins won the district title a year ago with a 77-73 win over Western Baptist.

Playoff tickets are \$3 for

adults, \$2 for students and \$1 for children and senior citizens. Regular season passes will not be valid.

The eight-team national NCCAA championship playoffs begin March 24.

GFC has topped Concordia twice this season, 96-68 in Newberg Jan. 23 and 114-65 in Portland Feb. 9, to move to a 16-5 series with the Cavaliers. With Columbia

Christian, GFC has never lost in 17 contests, winning 93-78 on Jan. 8 and 88-64 Feb. 20 in the last regular season game. GFC stopped Western Baptist twice this year, 86-82 in Salem on Jan 30 and 102-94 Feb. 13 in overtime in Newberg to advance the all-time series lead to 33-11.

Lady Bruins reach highest playoff finish in seven years

George Fox College's rags to riches women's basketball season is over. It ended not with a district title, but with the Newberg squad in the final four and the highest GFC playoff finish in seven years under Coach Craig Taylor.

The Lady Bruins' eight-game winning string was snapped last Friday night (March 5) in Portland in the semifinals as Taylor's crew fell 68-58 to district champion Warner Pacific. GFC women finished their season at 16-13.

To get to the semifinals the Lady Bruins beat Western Oregon State in Monmouth, 69-58. It was the second time in four days for GFC to halt the Lady Wolves. The first win was the first-time ever victory in Monmouth.

In the season-ending game, Warner Pacific took away the Lady Bruins' inside strength to advance to the championship contest. The "strongest center in the district," according to Taylor, Warner's Sherri Smith, scored 27 points.

Lady Bruin center Tammy Lewis fouled out with 11 minutes left in the game, making it easier for Smith to score. "Noone could stop her," Taylor said.

After being down by one at the half, George Fox felt Lewis' loss drastically. Senior forward Becky Cate tried to cover the gap by scoring 18 points. She also had eight rebounds. Junior guard Jennifer Barse had 10 points and freshman guard Heather Gurney came off the bench to contribute a like number.

"It's a tough way to end the season," said Taylor, "but I couldn't be more pleased with the way they played after the first part of the season."

"This was a really positive end to a positive year."

That early season start included a 1-9 record before the Lady Bruins went on two winning strings to finish 15-4 in the final weeks. "That's a real tribute to our team's character," said Taylor. "It's hard to see it end."

The Lady Bruins advanced to the semifinals with a victory in a game against WOSC that was not as close as Taylor thought it might be. GFC led from start to finish, going up by as many as 16 in the second half.

Cate led GFC's fast start with 14 first-half points. Lewis added 10 as George Fox went up by eight, then led by nine going into

the locker room after Lewis' last-second lay-in off a rebound.

Although Western Oregon made an early run to start the second half, coming within six, George Fox responded with a run of its own. GFC out-paced WOSC by 10 to go on top by 16 and

the Wolves could get no closer than nine after that.

"The key to our wins was our defense," said Taylor. "We played good team defense."

Lewis also was a strong point, grabbing 18 rebounds and adding 20 points. Cate finished with 18 points.

Ice Breaker lives up to its name

A national qualifier, six district qualifiers and three personal bests brightened an otherwise rainy, windy, baptism into collegiate track for new GFC coach Wes Cook.

"The marks at the meet were generally nothing to get excited about, but the weather had an effect," said Cook after the Linfield Icebreaker in McMinnville Saturday (March 5).

The wind didn't seem to bother Portland junior Denise Fox, who qualified for the NAIA national meet for the third season in a row. Her javelin toss of 146-0 placed her fourth in the meet while surpassing the national qualifying standard of 140-0.

The meet was a heyday for other Bruin throwers as well. Freshman Joel Schmeltzer, Scappoose, recorded two personal bests with a 39-10 1/4 in the shot and 129-5 in the discus.

Danielle Wilson, a Florence, Ore., freshman, qualified for the district in the shot with her 37-8 1/4 heave and in the discus with a 116-3 toss. Those marks put her at number five in all-time GFC shotput efforts and fourth in the discus.

Kelli Lang, a Sherwood sophomore, had a season-best throw of 33-2 in the shot and Allison Ayers, a Portland freshman, threw the javelin 110-2.

GFC high jumpers also had a good day with both competitors qualifying for the district meet. Newberg's Tim Hagen jumped 6-4, surpassing the district qualifying standard of 6-1. He was second in the meet.

Tigard freshman Kristin Lesperance set a personal best in the high jump with a 5-2 leap, qualifying her for the district meet.

GFC runners did not have a good a day as they faced a tenacious head win on the home stretch. One runner, Randy Swigart, a Sweet Home senior, ran negative splits in the 800 (the second lap faster than the first) and qualified for district with a fourth place finish of 1:58. Cook felt the splits this early in the season were "pretty impressive."

Freshman Aaron Howard, Roseburg, was two seconds off a personal best in the 1,500 meters, finishing seventh overall at 4:04.2.

Vance Godfrey, a Central Point, Ore., freshman was sixth overall in the 5,000 meter walk at 27:15.9. He was the first college competitor to finish the race.

Cook also praised freshman Rich Swingle, Phoenix, for his 3,000 meter time in the steeplechase, 10:03., sixth overall. It was his first attempt at the distance.

For the women, Lesperance barely missed the district qualifying mark in the 400 meter hurdles with her time of 1:14.3. Sophomore Melanie Springer, Albany, won her 800 heat in 2:26.2, sixth overall. Freshman Tiffani Coston, West Linn, captured her heat in the 100 meters at 14.1 after being out of an ankle cast just two weeks.

GFC competes in Salem March 12 at Willamett Univ.

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